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HON. WILLIAM R. FETZER.

Republican Candidate for Judge of the Municipal Court of Chicago, warm friend and strong supporter of Mayor William Hale Thompson, who has the Thompson Organization in every ward in this city behind him, who was the second highest candidate on the Thompson ticket at the September Primaries, receiving more than one hundred and sixty-eight thousand votes for the nomination for Judge of the Municipal Court.

Hon. William R. Fetzer, Republican candidate for Judge of the Municipal Court who always stands solidly behind Mayor William Hale Thompson, first, last and all the time, was born in Ottawa, Ill., and has resided in Chicago twenty-four years. He is happily married and lives at 6548 University avenue. He is a graduate of the Ottawa public schools, attended the University of Illinois for two years, and graduated from the Northwestern University with the degree of LL. B. He has practiced law in Chicago for twenty years.

Alderman Fetzer honorably served as Assistant State's Attorney of Cook County from 1909 to 1917, and as such it was within his power to turn many kind acts or numerous good deeds for many colored men and women who had gotten into trouble on the North Side, and he was far above appealing to race prejudice in order to sway the jury so that he would be able to convict all the colored people he came in

contact with, with committing some small crime and send them to the pen at Joliet, Ill., simply because they happened to be colored and for that and many other reasons every colored man and woman throughout this city should on Tuesday, November 2, feel that they are highly honoring themselves by recording their votes in favor of electing Alderman Fetzer as one of the Judges of the Municipal Court, for owing to his fairness at all times, the humble and the hard working white and colored people would have a friend at court.

Alderman Fetzer was elected to the City Council from the Seventh Ward in 1917, and from that time to the present he has been one of the foremost leaders of that body and his public record has been highly commended by the press and the public.

Member of State Bar Body.

Alderman Fetzer is an honored member of the Chicago Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association, the Law-

yers' Association, is a Mason of high rank and wide connections; is a member of Chicago Lodge No. 4; B. P. O. Elks, Woodlawn Park Lodge, I. O. O. F., Onawa Tribe, I. O. Red Men, the Woodlawn Park Club, the Chicago Automobile Club and the Woodlawn Business Men's Association.

As Chairman of the Public Health Committee he made a long and forceful fight for the reduction of the high cost of living. He led a Chicago civic and official delegation to Washington last January and appeared before the Joint Committee on Agriculture and Forestry of the United States Congress in urging protection for the people against profiteers.

## For Tag Day for Heroes.

Alderman Fetzer at present is advocating a tag day for policemen and firemen.

"One of the first things that challenged my attention when I entered the council," said Alderman Fetzer, "was the low salaries paid to city employees, particularly policemen and firemen."

"I persistently fought for better salaries for city employees during my two terms in office as alderman. I worked hard as a member of the Finance Committee for better pay for city employees."

"During the consideration of the 1920 budget by the City Council I introduced an amendment increasing

ward appropriations for ash and garbage removal to the extent of \$800,000, which was passed."

Mayor Thompson has honored Alderman Fetzer by several times appointing him on important committees, viz., the Arbitration Board and various reception committees to welcome distinguished guests to Chicago; also a member of the Board of Directors of Dr. John Dill Robertson's School for Nurses.

Alderman Fetzer always depicts himself like a high class cultured gentleman and his legal ability is far beyond any question and no one would be more pleased than the writer to see him elevated to the Municipal Bench of Chicago.

## TORRENS FACTS

THINGS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW ABOUT THE TORRENS SYSTEM—WHY HON. JOSEPH F. HAAS SHOULD BE RE-ELECTED RECORDER OF DEEDS AND REGISTER OF TITLES.

Soon after Hon. Joseph F. Haas was elected Recorder of Deeds and Registrar of Titles, he found that the Torrens system was being conducted for the benefit of a small coterie of men who were the recipients of rank favoritism. They claimed to be friends of the Torrens system, but their friendship was based upon what they could get out of it and not on what they could do for it. That these men are willing to spend thousands of dollars in trying to defeat Joseph F. Haas for re-election only brings up the query "How much more do they expect to gain for themselves by his defeat?"

These men who pose as "friends" of the Torrens system in 1918 went before the County Board and asked that no appropriation be made for the newspaper advertising therefore considered essential for extending and promoting the Torrens system. A private monopoly could ask for no better friends than these men who have made it possible for it to advertise in the daily papers every day, while the Torrens system cannot spend one penny upon such advertisement. The only advertisement which the system receives today is the ability to deliver the goods.

The boom years of the last Democratic administration were from 1913 to 1916. Taking the six months period ending June 1, 1913, as a starting point and the six months ending May 31, 1920, for comparison, it will be found that the number of documents filed during those six months periods has jumped from 4,276 to 8,983, the number of certificates issued has jumped from 2,226 to 4,882, the number of transfers from 1,903 to 3,308, the consideration for those transfers from \$3,084,624.97 to \$5,092,782.00, the number of trust deeds filed from 1,444 to 2,567, the amount secured by those trust deeds from \$3,070,960.81 to \$8,983,414.00. In other words the work of the office is nearly double, while it has been handled in a manner that has secured the commendation of the Chicago Bureau of Public Efficiency.

If the work is done carelessly or negligently it will be reflected in payments from the indemnity fund. \$1,285.07 has been paid out of the indemnity fund for errors during the last administration, as compared with \$62.75 paid out for errors during the administration of Mr. Haas. In addition thereto are claims aggregating several thousands of dollars now pend-

ing for errors made during the last administration, on which payments will have to be made. Compare this with the \$52.75 paid out during this administration.

During the seventeen years and eight months in which the Torrens system was in existence prior to this administration 67,572 documents were registered. During the three years and ten months of the administration of Mr. Haas 54,896 documents have been registered. In addition 2,544 decrees have been entered. In only eight cases have the rulings of examiners of title under Mr. Haas ever been disturbed by court order. In the opinions rendered by the Supreme Court of Illinois at the June, 1920, term, the Supreme Court either allowed rehearings or modified its own opinions in nearly one-third of the cases decided by it. In view of this the record of Mr. Haas and his assistants is a remarkable one. He is proud of his record and justly so.

What Joseph F. Haas stands for is for security of the registered owners and the indemnity fund of the County of Cook. He does not stand for carelessness and negligence merely to allow certain brokers to earn fat commissions.

## DEMOCRACY AND THE AMERICAN NEGRO.

By H. Wallace Thurman.

Fifty-seven years ago the much despised American Negro was released from the shackles of slavery by that incomparable statesman and emancipator, Abraham Lincoln. The Negro was cast out upon the sea of life without knowledge of responsibility and unable to cope with the situation of having to care for himself. He has been hindered from making any great advancement because of lack of knowledge and because of the fact that he was held in partial slavery by the American white man. Has this partial slavery been fully eradicated at this present date of "Freedom and Democracy?" No.

Does the American white man fully realize the meaning of Democracy? Does it mean that a race struggling hard for recognition should be deprived of the rights and privileges which are inherited by them at birth? Does it mean that this race should be surrounded on all sides by prejudice and segregation? Does it mean that they are to be confronted at all times by that Satan-inspired law, "The Jim Crow?" Does it mean that the men of this race shall have to stand to see their women and children being insulted by the brutes who call themselves gentlemen and purveyors of Democracy. No. Democracy does not mean or uphold the acts alluded to in the foregoing, it means that all men regardless of color or creed are created equal and should receive the recognition and respect due them and their posterity.

Who are the men that never fail to respond to the call of arms and never fail to conduct themselves creditably and conscientiously whenever called upon to help protect our nation's rights and honor and make it safe for Democracy? What race residing in this country is subject to lynchings without provocation or fair trial? What race has nearly reached the pinnacle of success although impeded by ignorance, prejudice and segregation? Need I answer the above questions when you know that there is only one race so treated in this fair land of freedom and Democracy, and that race is the American Negro.

If this be true then to whom should our government first see that the rules of Democracy are applied? Why the American Negro. But does it do this? No. Our government is too busy trying to teach other nations what she yet herself has to learn.

It was stated in these columns during the Ward Committeeman fight during the spring that Hon. Thomas J. Healy had shook the political dust in the 30th Ward from his feet. No one believed us at that time. Since that time it has all come out in the washing that he is residing in a fifty thousand dollar apartment building, 57th and Blackstone avenue in the 16th Ward, and he still had the nerve to attempt to represent the 30th Ward on the Cook County Republican Committee.

## THE NAME OF HON. MICHAEL ROSENBERG APPEARS LAST IN THE FIRST COLUMN OF THE OPTIONAL BALLOT.

The official ballot, which contains all the names of all of the candidates including the Presidential Electors to be voted for this coming Tuesday, November 2, is almost as large as three large sized bath towels and a bundle of the sample ballots are just as much as the lady clerks and judges of election can comfortably lug home.

Any one glancing at the official ballot will note that the Democratic candidates follow each other in rotation in the first column that the name of Hon. Michael Rosenberg, candidate for Trustee for the Sanitary District of Chicago, appears last in that column that the many Republican friends who desire to vote for him, will have no trouble in crossing over and putting a cross in front of his name and in front of the name of Hon. Patrick J. Carr and Hon. Morris Eller, the third name from the bottom in the Republican column.

Mr. Louis H. Granzow, cashier of the Circuit Court of Cook County and the kind secretary to Col. August W. Miller, is the right man in the right place. For Mr. Granzow is ever ready to extend all the courtesies that he possibly can, to the many patrons of that office and he falls confident away down in his bones that on Tuesday, November 2, Col. Miller will be re-elected Clerk of the Circuit Court.

## HON. FRANK S. RIGHEIMER, FIRST ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL OF CHICAGO AND THE THOMPSON CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY JUDGE.

Three points have been accentuated in the campaign being waged for the election of Hon. Frank S. Righeimer, first assistant corporation counsel, as county judge. They are:

That he is a Chicago product.

That his long practice in special assessment law eminently qualifies him for the County Court.

That as head of the election machinery he would give an honest count on Mayor Thompson's 5-cent fare traction plan.

Mr. Righeimer was born at the corner of Union and Liberty sts.—over his

father's grocery store—in 1880. His mother's maiden name was Lucy Stahl and her father conducted a furniture store in Blue Island Ave.—near Halsted Street, before the Chicago fire.

Mr. Righeimer received his early education in the Chicago public schools attending the Garfield School and graduating from the John Marshall High School.

He worked his way through college. Mr. Righeimer is one of Chicago's best attorneys. The fact that he does not play to the galleries or boast of his accomplishments is no blot upon

his record in the minds of thinking men. In fact most workers have this characteristic. The man constantly engaged in doing things has little time to advertise them.

As assistant Corporation Counsel of Chicago, Mr. Righeimer has proved to be just the kind of man the situation demanded. He measured up to the requirements in full. He brought to his new duties a vision and an understanding that gave a cutting edge to his efforts; coupled with the qualities of an executive which procured the best results in co-operation and unity.



HON. MICHAEL ROSENBERG.

Member of the Constitutional Convention from the 19th Senatorial District of Illinois and He has Always Voted Right on All Propositions Favorable to the Colored People in this State. He and his brother, Mr. Moe Rosenberg, Employ more than One-hundred and Fifty Colored Men and Women in their Business establishments and being a Candidate for Trustee, of the Sanitary District of Chicago, he is Justly Entitled to Receive the Votes, Not only of the Colored People, but the Votes of other Citizens as well, for He is one of the Best Business Men in Chicago.

Hon. Michael Rosenberg, Democratic candidate for Trustee of the Sanitary District of Chicago, was born right here in this wonderful city which is the marvel of all the ages, on September 9, 1886, he has resided in it all of his natural life, receiving his education in its public schools being ambitious right from the start and being determined to cut out a pathway for himself, at the age of 15 years he began his future successful business career as an office or messenger boy for Foreman Brothers Banking establishment, and being wide awake all the time he was in time advanced step by step, until he became assistant paying teller, which position he held for almost two years.

At the end of that time Mr. Rosenberg started in business for himself and right from the very start he began to make money hand over fist, he is one of the head officers of the International Lamp Manufacturing Co., which constantly employs more than one hundred and fifty colored girls and men, he and his brother Mr. Moe Rosenberg are the active heads and fronts of the Racine Iron and Metal Company, 15th street and S. Racine avenue, and more than 30 colored men are employed in that establishment, which is conducted by them.

Mr. Rosenberg has never devoted

much of his time in playing at the game of politics, for it has been generally expended in the way of giving personal service to the various business organizations in which he is interested, but in 1919 his friends urged him to enter the race as a candidate for delegate to the Constitutional Convention from the 19th Senatorial District of Illinois and he was elected with both hands down and right from the very start he has been a power in the Convention, always being friendly to the colored people, without the least wavering he has stood shoulder to shoulder with Hon. Edward H. Morris and Bishop A. J. Carey in their fights for the civil and political rights of the colored people before that body, for Mr. Rosenberg is an active member of the Committee on Education, Corporations and Co-operative Associations and Hon. Edward H. Morris will tell anyone that Mr. Rosenberg has been of great assistance to him in the way of assisting to keep the Constitutional Convention in the middle of the road on the "Color Line" for Mr. Rosenberg is absolutely free from race prejudice when it comes down to dealing with worthy and business like colored people.

By working real hard and fast Mr. Rosenberg finds much time to devote

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HON. ROBERT E. CROWE.

The Thompson Republican Candidate for State's Attorney of Cook County. He is One of the Most Popular and Honorable Jurist Within the Confines of This Great City. He is the Friend of all Classes and Races and his Thousands and Thousands of Friends freely predict that He Will Be The Next State's Attorney of this County.



HON. FRANK S. RIGHEIMER.

First Assistant Corporation Counsel of Chicago and the Thompson Candidate for Judge of the County Court, whose thousands of steadfast friends feel dead sure of his calling and election Tuesday, November 2.